

# MINUTES

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 12:00 p.m.

250 Agricultural Hall

Present: Stier (Chair), Bednarek, Bohnhoff, Fadl, Gisler, Hayslett, Kumerow, Martin,  
Mitchell, Paustian, Pelegri, Pfatteicher

Absent: Jackson, Pearson, Sandberg

Guest: Don Waller

## **Approval of Past Minutes**

The March 22, 2011 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Extending BAC major to CALS**

Don Waller presented the history and evolution of the BAC major. An invitation was extended for CALS to share the BAC major with L&S. Support letters and a Four Year Road Map were reviewed. The CALS Curriculum Committee had questions regarding: the rigor of the major, the support for advising, administrative work necessary to develop this major for CALS, enrollment changes, and the overall benefits for our students. After further discussion, the committee determined that at this time, the cost of adding the BAC Major to CALS would outweigh the benefits for having this major across 2 colleges. **John Stier will write a letter for the CALS APC on behalf of the committee, stating the decision of the committee.**

### **Planned suspension of admission to MMI undergrad major (CALS)**

This item was removed from the agenda. Continued campus-wide discussions are being held pertaining to the appropriate timeline to phase out the MMI undergrad major.

## **COURSE PROPOSALS**

### New Course Proposals

**C & E SOC 499:** Capstone Experience

Lead: Mitchell

A motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Pelegri to table C & E SOC 499 and send it back to the department for the following revisions.

- 1) Justify how the course is a 4 credit course (is lab supervised)
- 2) Supply a syllabus for this particular course (The syllabus lists the title: "Environmental Studies 600 Section 005")
- 3) This course must also be reviewed by the CALS Curriculum Committee as all CALS Capstone courses are expected to meet the capstone criteria and have been reviewed by the committee this year

**The motion to table C & E SOC 499 was approved.**

## **CAPSTONE REVIEW**

**LAND ARC 551:** Senior Project in Landscape Architecture

- Capstone criteria
  - Problem solving skills: yes
  - Multidisciplinary: yes
  - Teamwork: yes
  - Information resources: yes
  - Issues (societal etc.): yes
  - Communication: yes

A motion to adjourn was made by Mitchell and seconded by Paustian. **The motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

May Meetings:

Tuesday, May 10th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Tuesday, May 24th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Submitted by Karen Martin